

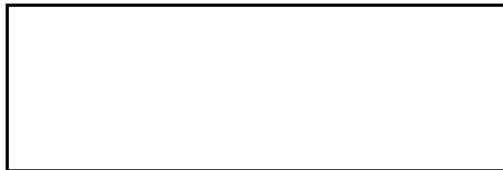
THE DIRECTOR OF
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

National Intelligence Officers

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NOTE FOR: C/NIC
THROUGH : NIO/W
FROM : A/NIO/W

For your information. This particular Alert Memo was short, smooth, and relatively simple. Normally a coordination meeting is involved and 36-48 hours are required. Note also that DDCI approval was assumed (and later confirmed) and the machinery set in motion early.



Attachment:
AM Time Lines

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HOW FAST CAN WE WARN?

17 July 1981 Alert Memorandum

11:00 NIO Warning asks for recommendations on Alert Memorandum.

11:40 A/NIO/NESA provides rough draft of skeleton memorandum. Alerts OPA/OSR.

11:50 NSC concur in need for memorandum.

13:00 OSR provides input.

13:15 A/NIO/Warning convenes NOIWON.

13:20 OPA provides input.

14:15 Draft memorandum LDX'd to NFIB agencies requesting concurrence by 1530.

14:57 First concurrence received (NSA)

15:30 Deadline for comments--only NSA, USAF, and USMC have responded.

16:10 DIA responds.

17:05 Alert Memorandum to DDCI.

17:10 Alert Memorandum out to Community.

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